



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2171  
Docket No.: 0826.1801

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumirou ABE, et al.

Serial No. 10/086,696

Group Art Unit: 2171

Confirmation No. 2816

Filed: March 4, 2002

Examiner: Harold Dodds

For: DATA SORT METHOD, DATA SORT APPARATUS, AND DATA SORT PROGRAM

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on August 9, 2005.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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